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Senator Kruse has not had the opportunity to work with me on any issue that involved him directly. I believe that Senator Kruse is a reasonable person, I really do, and there is an expression that says the fortress which agrees to parlay is already half taken. I would like to ask Senator Kruse a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kruse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kruse

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... are you willing to engage in discussion, not on the floor, about this testing, about what was put into the bill by adoption of the committee amendment?

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes, I certainly am.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What I would like to do is retain the part of the committee amendment that reduces those punishments that would have been in the original bill, but the testing portion is what I really am hung up on. So what I would agree to do is let you get a vote on whether or not you're going to advance it. Then I will see what we can do between now and the time the bill comes up again on Select File. If we cannot work anything out, then I'm back to where I was and I will fight it tooth and nail. Do you understand what it is that I'm saying? I mean, have I made clear what it is that I'm saying?

SENATOR KRUSE: I understand that, Senator Chambers, and I agree with that. There are areas in the section that you're referring to, on which I am an expert. I have taught this area of impairment and I would like...I'd welcome a chance for us to work together on it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a question now.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm, would you yield?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.